**Happy Holidays 2021**

It was a low bar for this year to be better than last year, though it only barely succeeded.

This was the Year of Actually Going to College!

Perry had the best pandemic experience, doing online college and online everything else, and completely thriving. Jocelyn, as earlier reported, abandoned her unhappy in-person college experience, and went to San Diego to do circus. This was a mixed bag all around, some good, some annoying, and some bad: it ended with a Covid diagnosis due to poor safety precautions on the part of her housemates. Her case was mild, and she came home as soon as she was well, to finish out the last few weeks of schoolwork from here.

Jocelyn had two summer jobs, one at a moving company, and another as a camp counselor. Perry continued to do his online hobbies through the summer.

Both kids are back in college as sophomores, in person, and having a pretty good time of it. There are still some restrictions here and there, and the occasional test probe up your nose, but not unlivable. Jocelyn did not get into any of the specialty circus colleges that she had applied to, so she is back at Reed, where she is considering careers in either psychology or physical therapy. Perry, unsurprisingly, is majoring in computer science. Despite being only 20 minutes away, he has only come home once, for Thanksgiving.

In unrelated news, last year our boat motor broke irreparably, and the boat itself was starting to fall apart, so this year we acquired a new-to-us boat and put a brand-new motor on it. So there has been much waterskiing.

